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OBSERVATIONS

(Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, DSS had 24,841 open cases (1,820 adoption cases and 23,021 clinical cases). A total of 81,040 consumers¹ (38,488 adults and 42,552 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,078 in the Boston Region to 5,284 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 6)
- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, consumer counts increased 5% and case counts rose 3%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 7, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 54)

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,607 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008. Included in this count are 8,979 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,628 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1**)
- The placement population was distributed across DSS service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 14% in the Central Region, 14% in the Metro Region, and 12% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- Statewide, 21% (or 8,979) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 22% in the West, 21% in the Northeast, 21% in Metro, 20% in Boston, 20% in the Southeast, and 20% in Central. (**Table 2** on page 8)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Coastal, Pittsfield, Greenfield, and Hyde Park Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Plymouth and Van Wart Area Offices. (**Table 2**)

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, the number of children in placement declined 2% statewide. Regionally, the fluctuations ranged from -6% in the West to 3% in Central. In the past, declines in quarterly counts of children in placement have occurred in all quarters, especially the 4th and 1st quarters (spanning the summer months). (**Fig. 3** on page 9)

Children Not in Placement

- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, counts of children not in placement increased 6% statewide. Regional changes ranged from 3% in the Southeast to 9% in the Northeast. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 9)

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, the consumer population included 42,552 (53%) children less than 18 years old and 38,488 (47%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-eight percent (16,002) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 10)
- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DSS services were female. In contrast, 58% of all adults receiving services were female. (**Fig. 5**)
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 55% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 2% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category "Unable to Determine" was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of "Unable to Determine" often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded for 10% of consumers. (**Table 3A** on page 11, **Figs. 6A and 6B** on page 12)
- Of the total consumer population, 24% (19,357 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DSS consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded for 14% of DSS consumers. (**Table 3B** on page 11, **Figs. 6C and 6D** on page 13)
- The Boston Region's caseload was comprised of 45% Black and 22% White consumers (4,492 and 2,177 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (846 consumers, mainly Cambodian). (**Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B**)

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DSS to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DSS system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Table A.		Children Less than 18 Years Old							
Race	State Census ² 2000	DSS Not in Substitute Care 12/31/07	DSS All in Substitute Care* 12/31/07	DSS Foster Care 12/31/07	DSS Congregate Care** 12/31/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/07	DSS All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/07	DSS Adoptions Legalized FY'2007	DSS Guardianships Legalized FY'2007
White	79%	56%	59%	59%	61%	60%	63%	61%	58%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	20%	16%	14%	13%	25%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	<1%	<1%
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	5%	4%	7%	7%	8%	4%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	16%	16%	14%	15%	15%	17%	11%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	33,573	8,979	6,654	1,862	2,392	466	790	521
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	29%	26%	26%	25%	26%	22%	27%	20%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	63%	68%	67%	71%	67%	75%	64%	75%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	8%	6%	6%	4%	7%	3%	8%	5%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DSS retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi-Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,142 consumers), 8% (1,084), and 9% (911), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 358 DSS consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro, Boston, and Southeast), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Southeast and Boston), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 14)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DSS consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Dec. 2007 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	73,596	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	4,651	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	358	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	309	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	242	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	184	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	170	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	50	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	36	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	33	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,411	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	81,040	14%	5%

* When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Case Counts:	DSS Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	391	280	266	222	326	179	155	1	1,820
Clinical	4,599	3,308	3,896	3,309	4,958	2,899	8	44	23,021
Total	4,990	3,588	4,162	3,531	5,284	3,078	163	45	24,841
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	271	152	365	238	303	236	---	22	1,587
Other ⁽⁶⁾	4	4	5	3	2	10	---	---	28
On the Run	1	1	1	---	4	6	---	---	13
Total in Placement	276	157	371	241	309	252	---	22	1,628
Not in Placement	7,492	5,668	5,853	5,144	8,244	4,450	---	9	36,860
Total Adults	7,768	5,825	6,224	5,385	8,553	4,702	---	31	38,488
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,819	1,262	1,383	1,143	1,655	998	234	22	8,516
Other ⁽⁶⁾	40	39	51	31	37	34	1	---	233
On the Run	68	22	47	23	40	30	---	---	230
Total in Placement	1,927	1,323	1,481	1,197	1,732	1,062	235	22	8,979
Not in Placement	7,019	5,229	5,712	4,418	6,957	4,204	31	3	33,573
Total Children	8,946	6,552	7,193	5,615	8,689	5,266	266	25	42,552
Total	16,714	12,377	13,417	11,000	17,242	9,968	266	56	81,040

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DSS. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DSS until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)

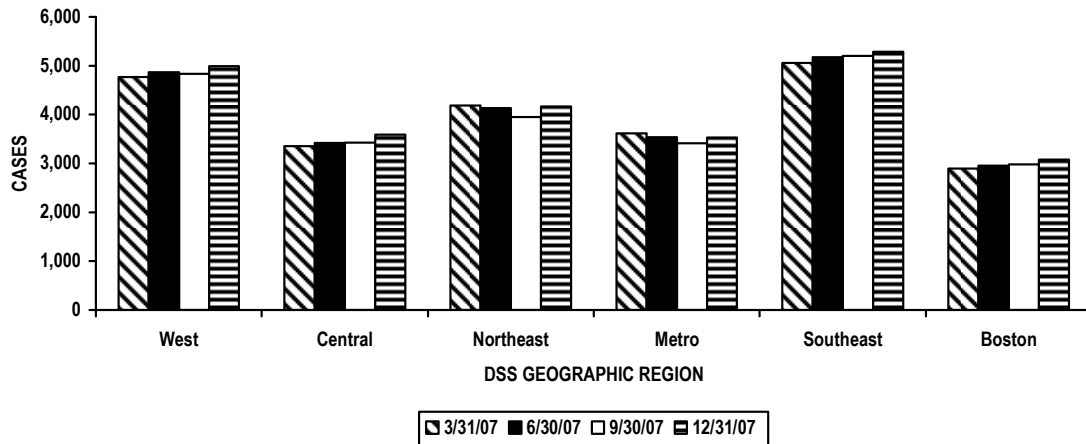


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)

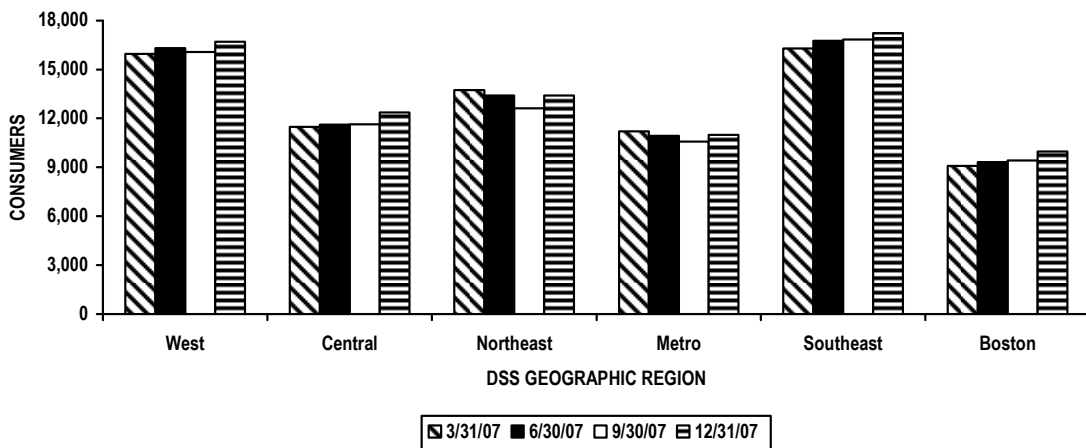


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DSS: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER 12/31/07)

DSS Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	924	325	1,249	26%
Holyoke	1,482	371	1,853	20%
Pittsfield	986	379	1,365	28%
Robert Van Wart	2,008	353	2,361	15%
Springfield	1,603	499	2,102	24%
Contracted Agencies	16	---	16	---
West	7,019	1,927	8,946	22%
North Central	1,458	341	1,799	19%
South Central	1,190	275	1,465	19%
Worcester East	1,416	379	1,795	21%
Worcester West	1,160	323	1,483	22%
Contracted Agencies	5	5	10	50%
Central	5,229	1,323	6,552	20%
Cape Ann	947	246	1,193	21%
Haverhill	867	252	1,119	23%
Lawrence	1,414	333	1,747	19%
Lowell	1,458	388	1,846	21%
Lynn	1,018	262	1,280	20%
Contracted Agencies	8	---	8	---
Northeast	5,712	1,481	7,193	21%
Arlington	855	221	1,076	21%
Cambridge	749	160	909	18%
Coastal	772	319	1,091	29%
Framingham	847	234	1,081	22%
Malden	1,189	258	1,447	18%
Contracted Agencies	6	5	11	45%
Metro	4,418	1,197	5,615	21%
Attleboro	912	230	1,142	20%
Brockton	1,251	311	1,562	20%
Cape Cod	835	212	1,047	20%
Fall River	1,211	361	1,572	23%
New Bedford	1,693	395	2,088	19%
Plymouth	1,047	218	1,265	17%
Contracted Agencies	8	5	13	38%
Southeast	6,957	1,732	8,689	20%
Dimock Street	815	220	1,035	21%
Harbor	1,192	255	1,447	18%
Hyde Park	748	257	1,005	26%
Park Street	1,449	328	1,777	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,204	1,062	5,266	20%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	31	235	266	88%
Other ⁽³⁾	3	22	25	88%
Total	33,573	8,979	42,552	21%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)

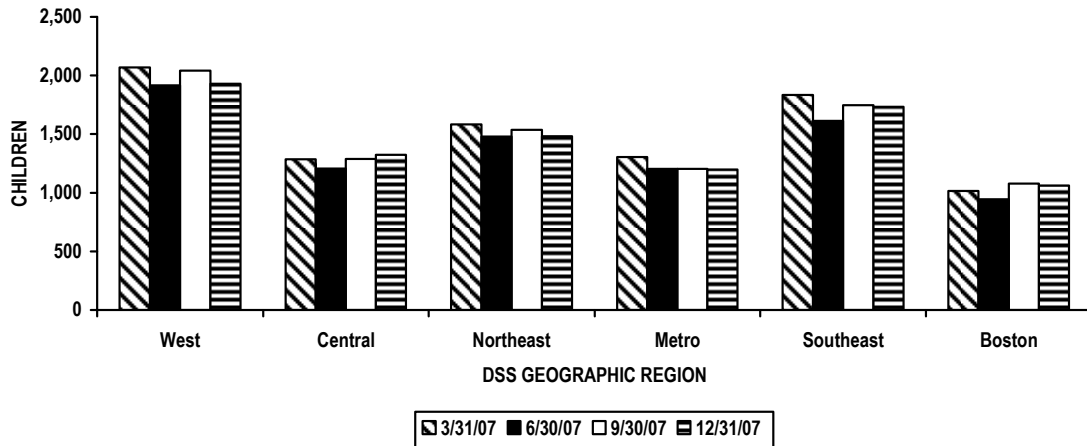
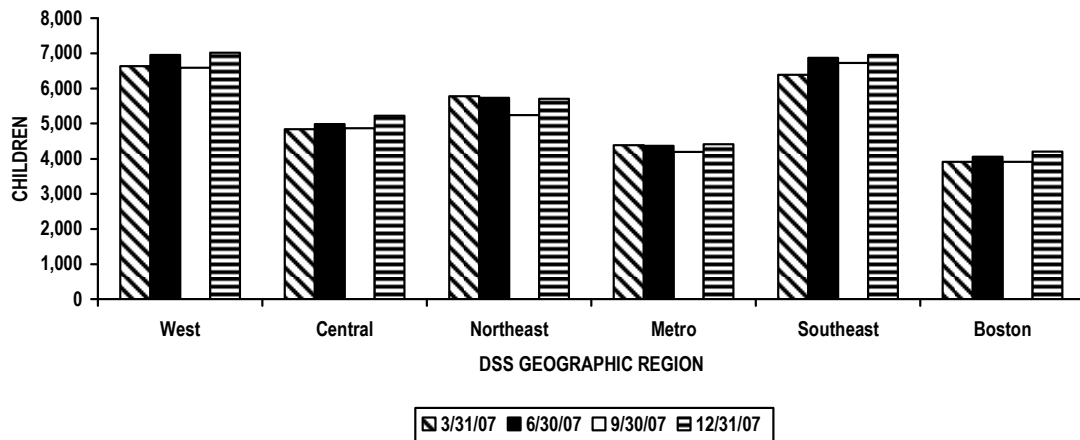
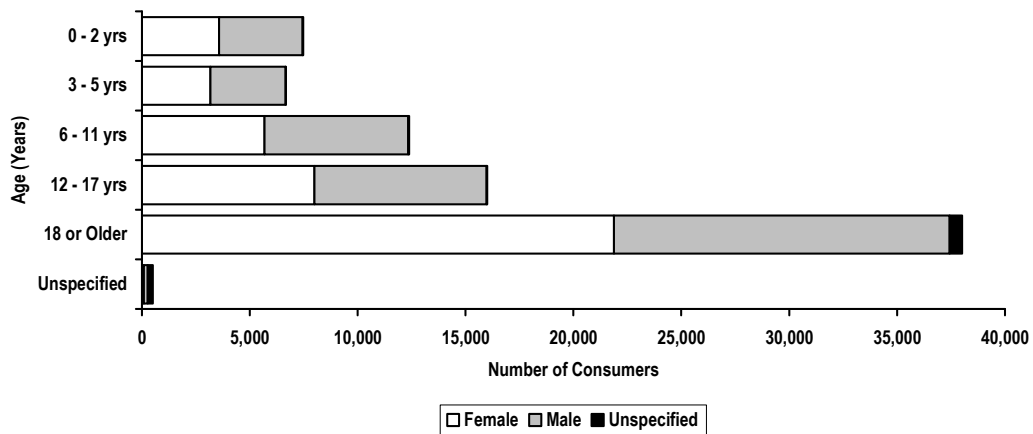


FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,579	3,864	39	7,482
3 - 5	3,172	3,481	23	6,676
6 - 11	5,693	6,654	30	12,377
12 - 17	8,004	7,965	33	16,002
18 or older	21,879	15,551	578	38,008
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	94	178	223	495
Total	42,421	37,693	926	81,040

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 480 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 15 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 926 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Race	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽²⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	9,490	57%	7,950	64%	7,659	57%	6,631	60%	10,911	63%	2,177	22%	126	47%	7	13%	44,951	55%
Black	1,864	11%	1,150	9%	1,001	7%	1,734	16%	2,325	13%	4,492	45%	53	20%	39	70%	12,658	16%
Asian	38	*	137	1%	846	6%	247	2%	149	1%	274	3%	7	3%	4	7%	1,702	2%
Native American	19	*	32	*	20	*	13	*	58	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	153	*
Other ⁽³⁾	9	*	6	*	8	*	9	*	13	*	7	*	---	---	---	---	52	*
Multi-Racial	436	3%	310	3%	344	3%	213	2%	487	3%	166	2%	21	8%	---	---	1,977	2%
Unable to Determine	2,663	16%	1,968	16%	2,588	19%	1,088	10%	1,452	8%	2,019	20%	58	22%	1	2%	11,837	15%
Missing	2,195	13%	824	7%	951	7%	1,065	10%	1,847	11%	823	8%	---	---	5	9%	7,710	10%
Total	16,714	100%	12,377	100%	13,417	100%	11,000	100%	17,242	100%	9,968	100%	266	100%	56	100%	81,040	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (9/31/07)

Origin	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption		Other ⁽³⁾		Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,098	31%	3,164	26%	4,276	32%	1,643	15%	2,066	12%	3,033	30%	69	26%	8	14%	19,357	24%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,414	50%	7,374	60%	7,463	56%	7,029	64%	11,591	67%	5,442	55%	184	69%	37	66%	47,534	59%
Unable to Determine	608	4%	485	4%	391	3%	412	4%	725	4%	306	3%	13	5%	2	4%	2,942	4%
Missing	2,594	16%	1,354	11%	1,287	10%	1,916	17%	2,860	17%	1,187	12%	---	---	9	16%	11,207	14%
Total	16,714	100%	12,377	100%	13,417	100%	11,000	100%	17,242	100%	9,968	100%	266	100%	56	100%	81,040	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

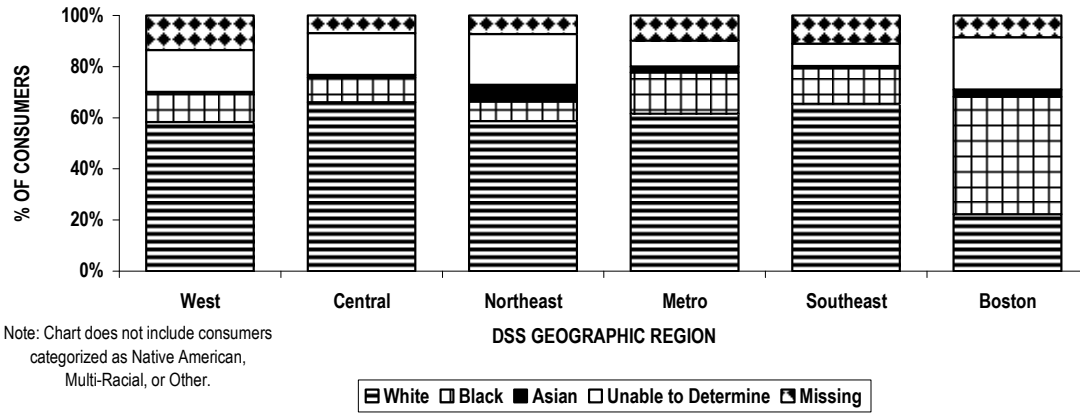


FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

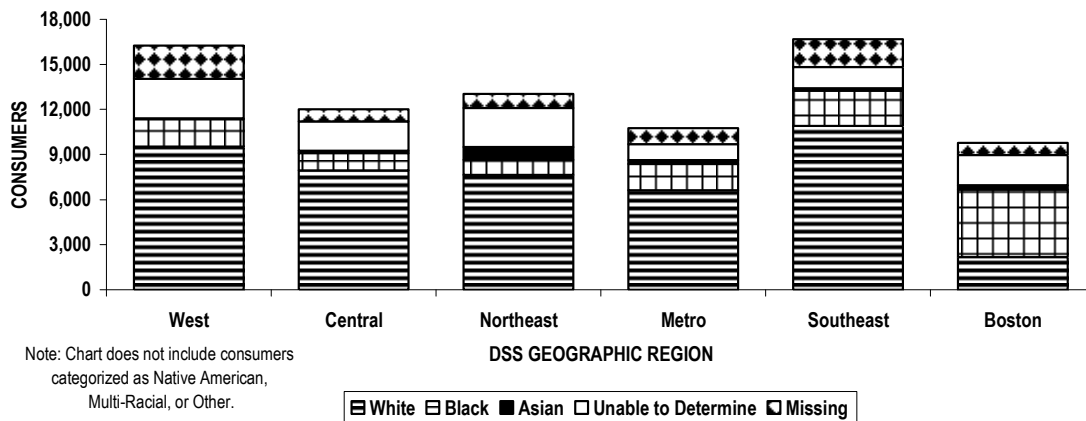


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

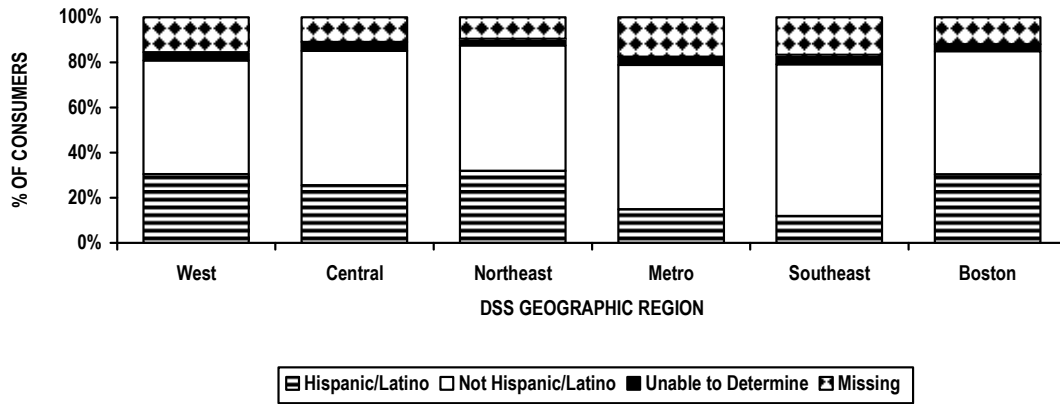


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

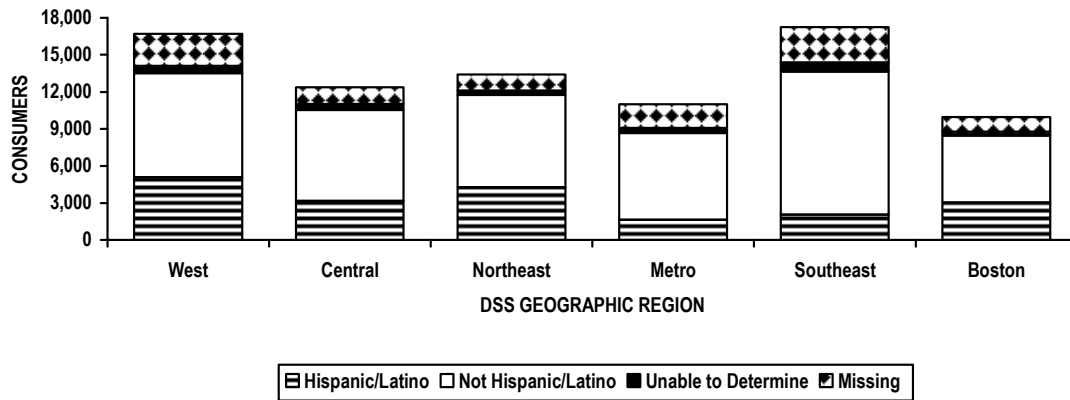


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

DSS Geographic Region																		Total	
Primary Language	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾				
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Spanish	1,142	7%	681	6%	1,084	8%	422	4%	393	2%	911	9%	10	4%	8	14%	4,651	6%	
Khmer (Cambodian)	5	*	6	*	282	2%	2	*	55	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	358	*	
Portuguese	---	---	27	*	33	*	87	1%	128	1%	34	*	---	---	---	---	309	*	
Haitian Creole	1	*	3	*	7	*	110	1%	49	*	72	1%	---	---	---	---	242	*	
Vietnamese	---	---	42	*	17	*	35	*	8	*	79	1%	3	1%	---	---	184	*	
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	1	*	---	---	2	*	109	1%	58	1%	---	---	---	---	170	*	
Chinese	3	*	4	*	---	---	33	*	---	---	7	*	---	---	3	5%	50	*	
Lao	---	---	6	*	25	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	33	*	
American Sign Lang.	5	*	3	*	9	*	5	*	6	*	8	*	---	---	---	---	36	*	
Other	361	2%	206	2%	135	1%	174	2%	332	2%	178	2%	2	1%	23	41%	1,411	2%	
English\Unspecified	15,197	91%	11,398	92%	11,825	88%	10,130	92%	16,161	94%	8,612	86%	251	94%	22	39%	73,596	91%	
Total	16,714	100%	12,377	100%	13,417	100%	11,000	100%	17,242	100%	9,968	100%	266	100%	56	100%	81,040	100%	

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,845 consumers in foster care and 2,258 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions. **(Table 5A)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (32-38% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 646, 513, and 489, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 67% to 73% across the regions. The Northeastern, Metro, and Southeastern Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 310, 309, and 293, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (71-86% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,049 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,796 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (38% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (11%), pre-adoptive (7%), and independent living (13%). **(Table 5B)**
- The Western and Northeastern Regions had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC **(Table 5B)**.
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro had the largest proportion of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in the West. The Central Region had the highest proportion of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. **(Fig. 7A)**
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (977 consumers), residential (936), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (345 consumers). **(Table 5C)**
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Western Region had the highest proportion of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Central and Southeastern Regions. **(Fig. 8A)**
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Northeast also had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. **(Fig. 8B)**
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ **(Table 5C)**
- The primary models in the group home program were group home (389 consumers), behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (362), and independent living (226). **(Table 5C)**
- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, there was a statewide decrease of 1% in foster care children and an increase of 1% in congregate care children. Regionally, changes in the foster care population ranged from -6% in the West to 3% in Central. The most significant gain in congregate care children occurred in the Central Region (6%). **(Figs. 9 and 10).**

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, the statewide placement population was comprised of 51% boys and 49% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were the same as in the general population.¹²
- Statewide, 59% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 4% were multi-racial. Race was unknown for 15% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,691 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Western and Northeastern Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race was unknown for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Northeastern and Western Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DSS Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 43% to 49%. (**Table 6B**)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 157 in the Central Region to 371 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)
- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were “Family Reunification” (30% of all consumers in placement), “Adoption” (23%), and “Living Independently” (21%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The largest numbers of consumers with a goal of “Independent Living” were evenly distributed over three regions-- Northeast, Southeast, and West. (**Table 6B, Fig. 11B**)

¹² Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates—Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

- On 12/31/2007, 37% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹³, 22% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁴ for more than two years (42%). Central and Metro had the highest proportions of consumers in care for one year or less (47% each). The Southeast and West had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (873 and 863, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (820). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (41% for Black vs. 36% for White, 38% for Hispanic, 33% for Asian, 32% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B)**
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008 ("snapshot" on 12/31/07), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁵ age was 12.6 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (see table on next page)
- Median age of children in care rose from 9.2 years in 1992 to 12.2 years in 2003. For the past five years, median age has remained at the 12 year mark (fluctuations ranging from 12.2 to 12.6 years). Median time in placement has been fairly stable over the past 16 years (1.5 years in 1992 to 1.1 years in 2007). (See table on next page).

¹³ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a "point-in-time snapshot" of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in "snapshot" counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁴ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child's most recent placement entry to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2007).

¹⁵ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04	12.3	1.5	9,829
6/05	12.6	1.4	9,474
6/06	12.6	1.2	9,586
6/07	12.4	1.2	8,620
9/07	12.3	1.1	9,161
12/07	12.6	1.1	8,979

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

- A racial and Hispanic origin breakdown of children in placement is presented in the following table. The median age of minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care was similar for white and minority children. Older children are over-represented in “snapshot” counts of the placement population. On 12/31/07, 53% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents.

Children in Placement on 12/31/07*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	12.5	1.2	5,295
Black	13.7	1.1	1,674
Asian	14.8	0.9	144
Native American	13.2	1.2	17
Pacific Islander	14.7	0.5	5
Multi-Racial	7.5	1.2	425
Unable to Determine	12.5	1.0	1,406
Missing	14.3	0.2	13
TOTAL	12.6	1.1	8,979
Hispanic Origin**	12.9	1.2	2,357

* = Children are less than 18 years old

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,395 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,450 (61%) were White, 383 (16%) were Black, 15 (1%) were Asian, 3 (<1%) were Native American, and 177 (7%) were multi-racial. Race was unknown for 15%. Twenty-six percent (624) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. **(Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A)**
- The age distribution of 2,395 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 27% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 35% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. **(Table 8C, Fig. 12A)**
- Fifty-two percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 48% were female. **(Fig. 12A)**
- Forty percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D, Fig. 12A)**
- Forty-two percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. **(Table 8D)**
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁶ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In general, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table on next page)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 1994, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has dropped to 26-28% in 2006-2007. (See table on next page)

¹⁶ Children are less than 18 years old.

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
1/98	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864*	28%
6/04	9,829	2,761*	28%
6/05	9,474	2,569	27%
6/06	9,586	2,481	26%
6/07	8,620	2,408	28%
9/07	9,161	2,485	27%
12/07	8,979	2,392	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

- Of the 2,395 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 37% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-eight percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B**)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table on next page). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are getting adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of adopted children showed that the proportion of older children (11-17 years old) who are adopted accounts for only 14% of all adoptions. The amount of time from legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

Children in Placement 12/31/07			
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	235	652	36%
3 – 5	181	546	33%
6 – 11	293	846	35%
12 – 17	165	348	47%
Total	874	2,392	37%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (63%), 67% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Southeastern and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (54% and 50%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 19% in the West to 54% in the Southeast. (**Fig. 12C**)
- The Western and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (82% and 77%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 57% in Central to 82% in the West. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D**)

TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/30107)

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West		1,764		326		113		2,203
	(0 - 2 yrs)	299	17%	1	*	2	2%	302
	(3 - 5 yrs)	244	14%	1	*	---	---	245
	(6 - 11 yrs)	368	21%	38	12%	11	10%	417
	(12 - 17 yrs)	646	37%	222	68%	95	84%	963
	18 or older	207	12%	64	20%	5	4%	276
Central		1,128		286		66		1,480
	(0 - 2 yrs)	206	18%	---	---	1	2%	207
	(3 - 5 yrs)	167	15%	5	2%	1	2%	173
	(6 - 11 yrs)	239	21%	53	19%	12	18%	304
	(12 - 17 yrs)	391	35%	201	70%	47	71%	639
	18 or older	125	11%	27	9%	5	8%	157
Northeast		1,283		465		104		1,852
	(0 - 2 yrs)	176	14%	---	---	6	6%	182
	(3 - 5 yrs)	139	11%	2	*	2	2%	143
	(6 - 11 yrs)	218	17%	49	11%	12	12%	279
	(12 - 17 yrs)	489	38%	310	67%	78	75%	877
	18 or older	261	20%	104	22%	6	6%	371
Metro		959		422		57		1,438
	(0 - 2 yrs)	185	19%	---	---	1	2%	186
	(3 - 5 yrs)	115	12%	---	---	2	4%	117
	(6 - 11 yrs)	187	19%	37	9%	4	7%	228
	(12 - 17 yrs)	310	32%	309	73%	47	82%	666
	18 or older	162	17%	76	18%	3	5%	241
Southeast		1,541		417		83		2,041
	(0 - 2 yrs)	315	20%	1	*	---	---	316
	(3 - 5 yrs)	190	12%	5	1%	1	1%	196
	(6 - 11 yrs)	276	18%	62	15%	5	6%	343
	(12 - 17 yrs)	513	33%	293	70%	71	86%	877
	18 or older	247	16%	56	13%	6	7%	309
Boston		892		342		80		1,314
	(0 - 2 yrs)	154	17%	---	---	1	1%	155
	(3 - 5 yrs)	92	10%	3	1%	---	---	95
	(6 - 11 yrs)	138	15%	30	9%	3	4%	171
	(12 - 17 yrs)	341	38%	240	70%	60	75%	641
	18 or older	167	19%	69	20%	16	20%	252
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		234		---		1		235
	(0 - 2 yrs)	39	17%	---	---	---	---	39
	(3 - 5 yrs)	60	26%	---	---	---	---	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	97	41%	---	---	1	100%	98
	(12 - 17 yrs)	38	16%	---	---	---	---	38
Other ⁽⁴⁾		44		---		---		44
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	2	5%	---	---	---	---	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	19	43%	---	---	---	---	19
	18 or older	22	50%	---	---	---	---	22
Total		7,845		2,258		504		10,607

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West	Age Group	452	3	172	132	323	96	586	1,764
	(0 - 2 yrs)	12	3	29	---	75	50	130	299
	(3 - 5 yrs)	28	---	17	---	63	26	110	244
	(6 - 11 yrs)	79	---	41	---	100	14	134	368
	(12 - 17 yrs)	290	---	71	6	80	6	193	646
	18 or older	43	---	14	126	5	---	19	207
Central		285	4	74	60	292	83	330	1,128
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	1	8	---	73	33	89	206
	(3 - 5 yrs)	9	---	11	---	63	18	66	167
	(6 - 11 yrs)	63	---	20	---	60	26	70	239
	(12 - 17 yrs)	172	3	28	1	87	6	94	391
	18 or older	39	---	7	59	9	---	11	125
Northeast		388	22	80	182	286	39	286	1,283
	(0 - 2 yrs)	40	3	9	---	48	11	65	176
	(3 - 5 yrs)	22	1	7	---	60	5	44	139
	(6 - 11 yrs)	59	---	14	---	75	19	51	218
	(12 - 17 yrs)	216	13	42	6	100	4	108	489
	18 or older	51	5	8	176	3	---	18	261
Metro		223	4	88	93	280	41	230	959
	(0 - 2 yrs)	24	2	3	---	59	22	75	185
	(3 - 5 yrs)	15	---	8	---	60	6	26	115
	(6 - 11 yrs)	39	---	16	---	74	12	46	187
	(12 - 17 yrs)	124	2	42	1	76	1	64	310
	18 or older	21	---	19	92	11	---	19	162
Southeast		324	10	114	159	427	51	456	1,541
	(0 - 2 yrs)	12	2	16	---	110	28	147	315
	(3 - 5 yrs)	23	---	13	---	73	10	71	190
	(6 - 11 yrs)	60	---	19	---	101	9	87	276
	(12 - 17 yrs)	192	---	58	4	126	4	129	513
	18 or older	37	8	8	155	17	---	22	247
Boston		268	10	63	90	205	33	223	892
	(0 - 2 yrs)	17	---	10	---	43	21	63	154
	(3 - 5 yrs)	23	2	5	---	33	8	21	92
	(6 - 11 yrs)	48	2	9	---	51	2	26	138
	(12 - 17 yrs)	143	3	26	---	70	2	97	341
	18 or older	37	3	13	90	8	---	16	167
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		56	---	15	---	42	37	84	234
	(0 - 2 yrs)	2	---	3	---	10	4	20	39
	(3 - 5 yrs)	6	---	5	---	13	15	21	60
	(6 - 11 yrs)	26	---	4	---	17	14	36	97
	(12 - 17 yrs)	22	---	3	---	2	4	7	38
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	8	9	3	---	24	44
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	---	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(12 - 17 yrs)	---	---	6	---	1	---	12	19
	18 or older	---	---	---	9	2	---	11	22
Total		1,996	53	614	725	1,858	380	2,219	7,845

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model.

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model.

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

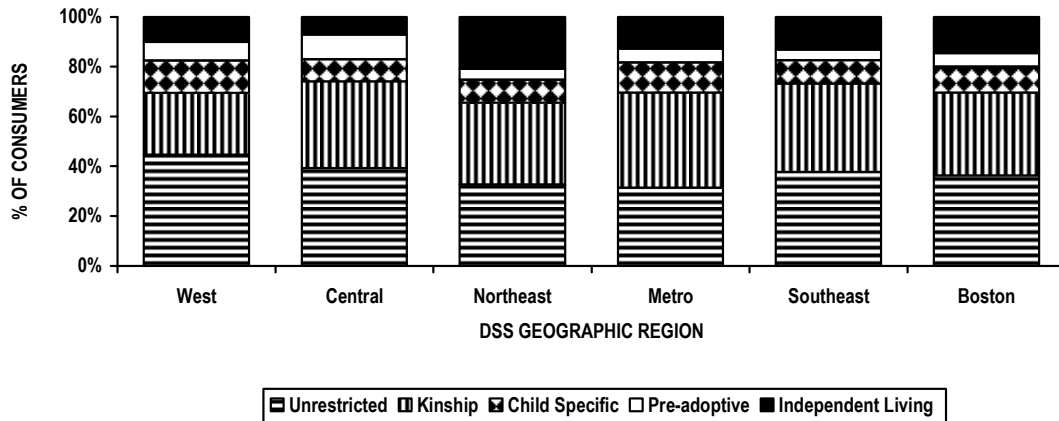
DSS Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Congregate Care						Total
	Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
	Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
West	103	39	24	106	3	51	326
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(6 - 11 yrs)	5	4	---	21	---	8	38
(12 - 17 yrs)	93	14	3	69	2	41	222
18 or older	5	21	21	16	1	---	64
Central	56	54	5	107	4	60	286
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	2	---	---	---	3	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	7	7	---	23	---	16	53
(12 - 17 yrs)	43	39	3	73	3	40	201
18 or older	6	6	2	11	1	1	27
Northeast	68	62	78	201	---	56	465
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	2	2
(6 - 11 yrs)	12	4	---	28	---	5	49
(12 - 17 yrs)	54	53	20	134	---	49	310
18 or older	2	5	58	39	---	---	104
Metro	41	92	59	171	5	54	422
(6 - 11 yrs)	3	4	---	23	---	7	37
(12 - 17 yrs)	35	75	18	130	4	47	309
18 or older	3	13	41	18	1	---	76
Southeast	71	59	21	177	5	84	417
(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	4	5
(6 - 11 yrs)	23	2	---	27	---	10	62
(12 - 17 yrs)	45	47	7	121	4	69	293
18 or older	3	9	14	29	1	---	56
Boston	23	83	39	147	10	40	342
(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	2	3
(6 - 11 yrs)	4	5	---	17	---	4	30
(12 - 17 yrs)	19	68	10	102	9	32	240
18 or older	---	10	29	27	1	2	69
Total	362	389	226	909	27	345	2,258

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DSS Region).

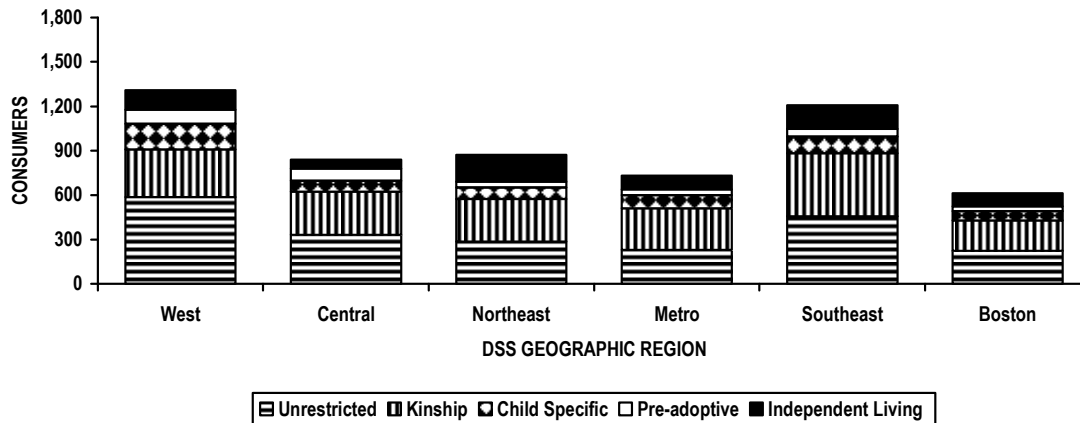
⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes bridge home (1), regular group home (1), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (23).

⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

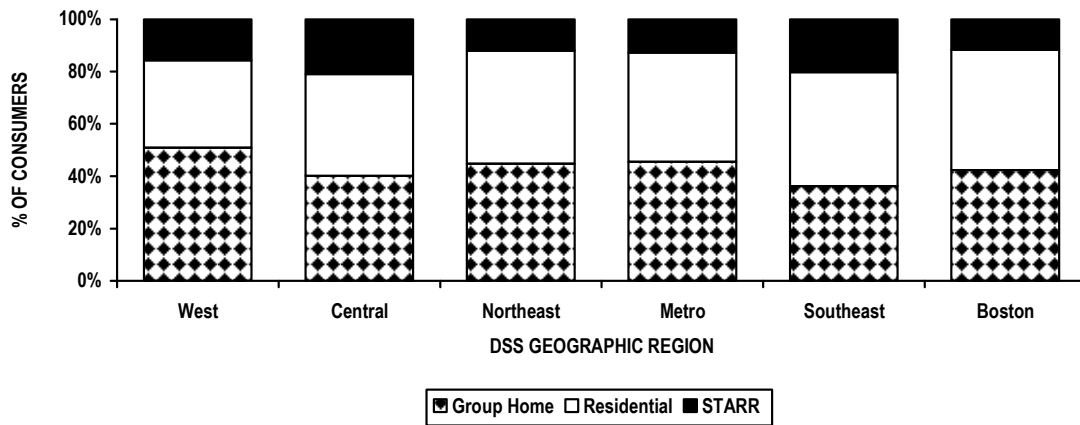
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



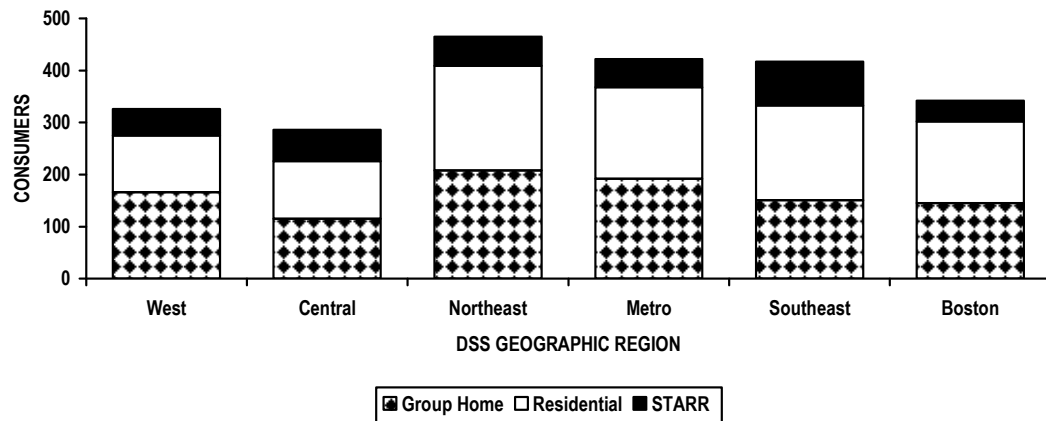
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



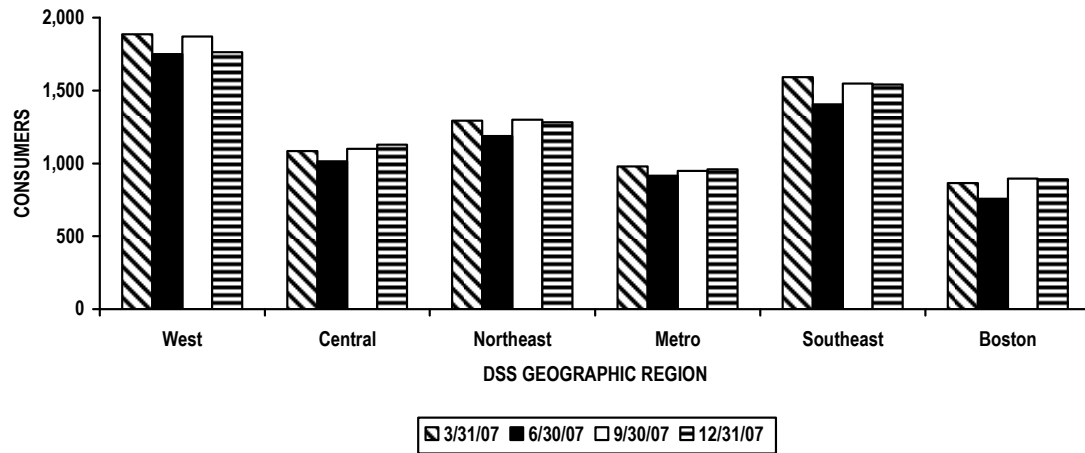
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, End of 3RD QUARTER to FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER)**

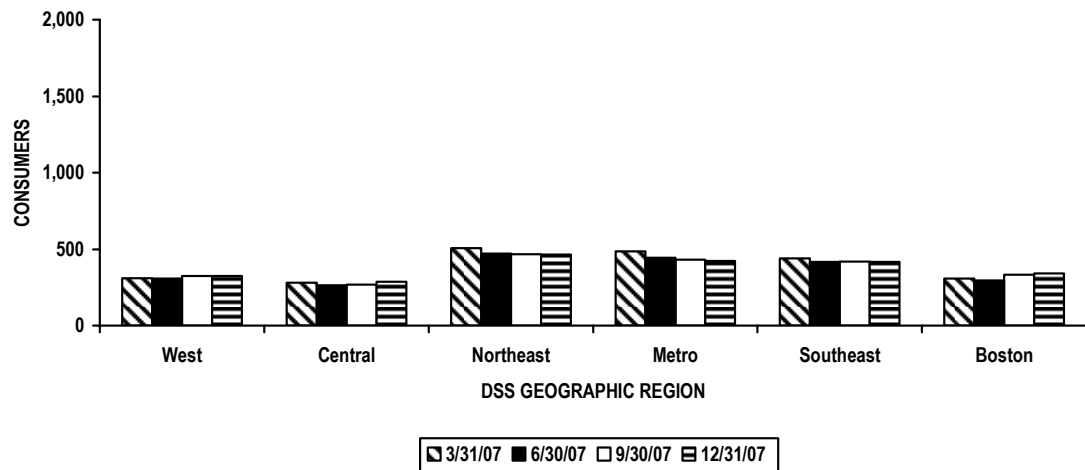


TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Sex:																		
Female	1,042	47%	734	50%	900	49%	718	50%	980	48%	668	51%	111	47%	18	41%	5,171	49%
Male	1,161	53%	746	50%	952	51%	720	50%	1,061	52%	646	49%	124	53%	26	59%	5,436	51%
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%
Race:																		
White	1,429	65%	993	67%	1,093	59%	945	66%	1,373	67%	295	22%	109	46%	3	7%	6,240	59%
Black	307	14%	167	11%	186	10%	263	18%	336	16%	733	56%	49	21%	32	73%	2,073	20%
Asian	2	*	11	1%	95	5%	28	2%	15	1%	23	2%	7	3%	4	9%	185	2%
Native American	3	*	2	*	2	*	2	*	9	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	21	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	3	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	*
Multi-Racial	99	4%	57	4%	84	5%	60	4%	113	6%	36	3%	17	7%	---	---	466	4%
Unable to Determine	362	16%	243	16%	391	21%	137	10%	194	10%	224	17%	52	22%	1	2%	1,604	15%
Missing	1	*	4	*	1	*	2	*	---	---	1	*	---	---	4	9%	13	*
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	750	34%	415	28%	646	35%	220	15%	276	14%	317	24%	62	26%	5	11%	2,691	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,329	60%	975	66%	1,140	62%	1,146	80%	1,639	80%	930	71%	163	69%	31	70%	7,353	69%
Unable to Determine	123	6%	90	6%	66	4%	72	5%	125	6%	67	5%	10	4%	1	2%	554	5%
Missing	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	7	16%	9	*
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DSS REGIONS AND STATE:
FY2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Characteristics	DSS Geographic Region														Total			
											Adoption							
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾		No.	%
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	302	14%	207	14%	182	10%	186	13%	316	15%	155	12%	39	17%	—	—	1,387	13%
(3 - 5 yrs)	245	11%	173	12%	143	8%	117	8%	196	10%	95	7%	60	26%	1	2%	1,030	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	417	19%	304	21%	279	15%	228	16%	343	17%	171	13%	98	42%	2	5%	1,842	17%
(12 - 17 yrs)	963	44%	639	43%	877	47%	666	46%	877	43%	641	49%	38	16%	19	43%	4,720	44%
18 or older	276	13%	157	11%	371	20%	241	17%	309	15%	252	19%	—	—	22	50%	1,628	15%
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Reunify Family	627	28%	467	32%	529	29%	476	33%	703	34%	431	33%	—	—	1	2%	3,234	30%
Adoption	559	25%	426	29%	343	19%	223	16%	401	20%	213	16%	230	98%	—	—	2,395	23%
Living Independently	403	18%	206	14%	444	24%	333	23%	437	21%	338	26%	—	—	28	64%	2,189	21%
Long-Term Substitute Care	254	12%	130	9%	219	12%	155	11%	173	8%	82	6%	—	—	5	11%	1,018	10%
Guardianship	113	5%	60	4%	69	4%	74	5%	95	5%	58	4%	3	1%	—	—	472	4%
Stabilize Intact Family	78	4%	67	5%	101	5%	52	4%	80	4%	66	5%	—	—	—	—	444	4%
Long-Term Care w/Adult Serv. Agen.	73	3%	44	3%	72	4%	53	4%	87	4%	57	4%	—	—	—	—	386	4%
Other ⁽³⁾	13	1%	32	2%	23	1%	19	1%	29	1%	29	2%	—	—	—	—	145	1%
Unspecified as of run-date	83	4%	48	3%	52	3%	53	4%	36	2%	40	3%	2	1%	10	23%	324	3%
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	461	21%	404	27%	416	22%	382	27%	520	25%	358	27%	8	3%	5	11%	2,554	24%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	402	18%	292	20%	291	16%	284	20%	353	17%	250	19%	13	6%	4	9%	1,889	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	269	12%	195	13%	193	10%	182	13%	256	13%	135	10%	26	11%	9	20%	1,265	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	251	11%	138	9%	178	10%	116	8%	207	10%	112	9%	43	18%	4	9%	1,049	10%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	422	19%	240	16%	349	19%	257	18%	374	18%	220	17%	91	39%	19	43%	1,972	19%
> 4 yrs	398	18%	211	14%	425	23%	217	15%	331	16%	239	18%	54	23%	3	7%	1,878	18%
Total	2,203	100%	1,480	100%	1,852	100%	1,438	100%	2,041	100%	1,314	100%	235	100%	44	100%	10,607	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

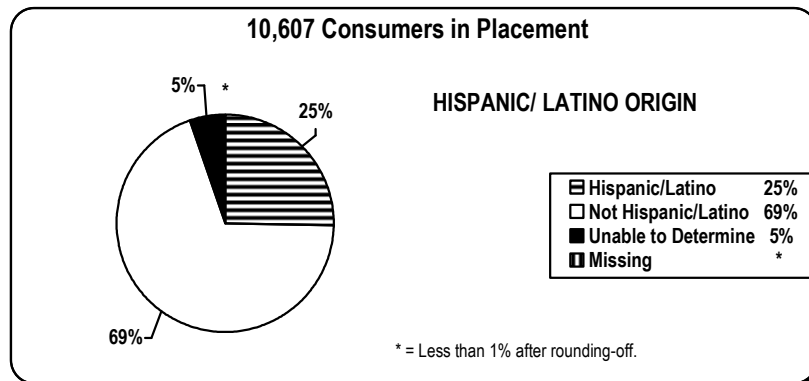
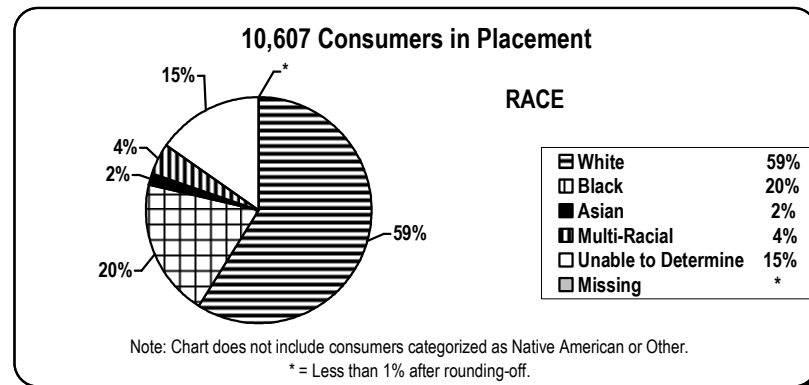
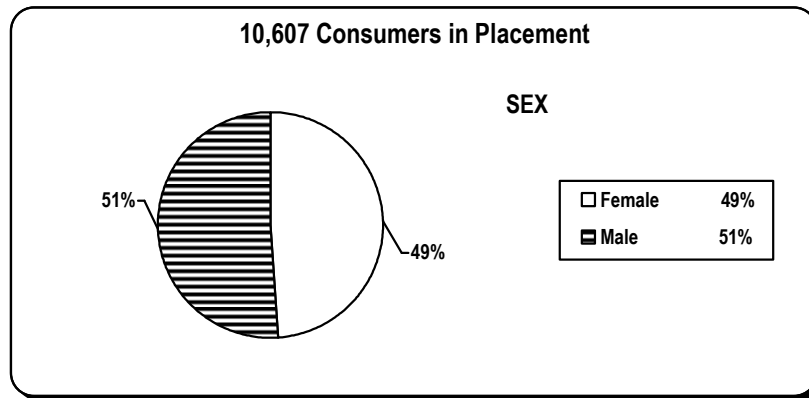
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Other = invalid data entry

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**

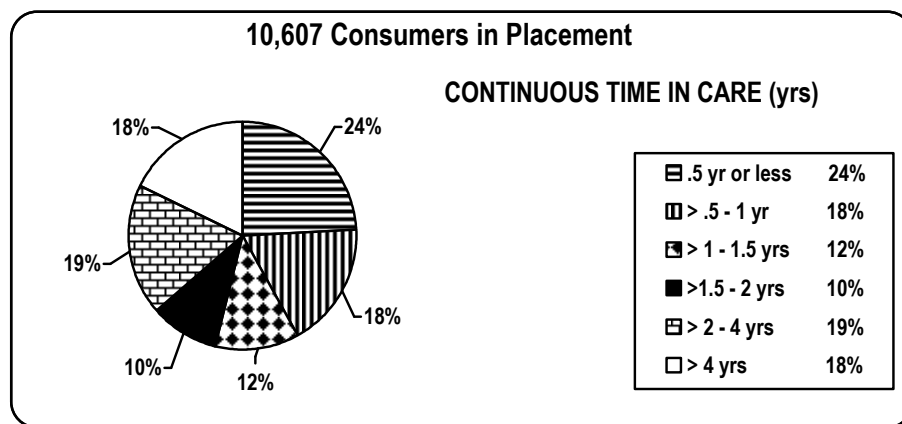
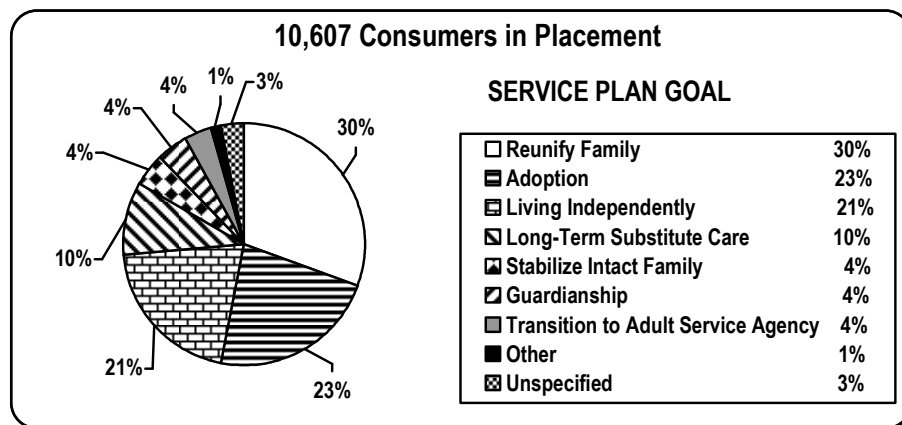
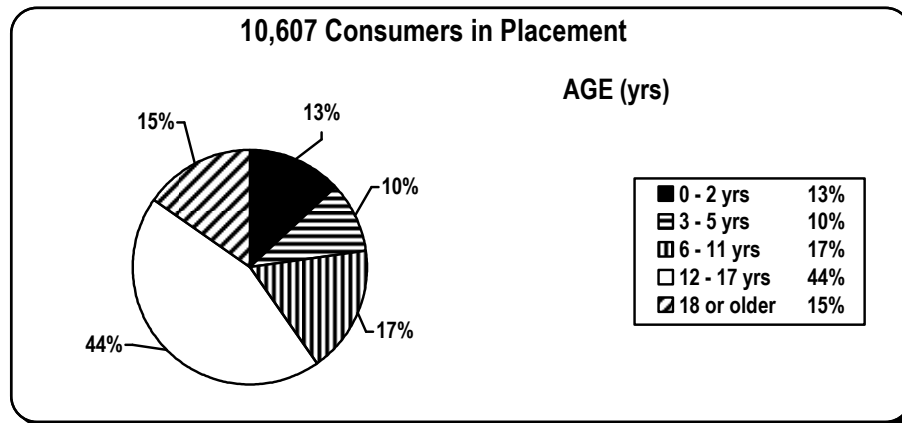


TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers															Total		
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
(.5 yr or less)	1,451	23%	499	24%	42	23%	5	24%	3	60%	108	23%	438	27%	8	62%	2,554	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,128	18%	334	16%	43	23%	3	14%	---	---	98	21%	281	18%	2	15%	1,889	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	769	12%	214	10%	22	12%	3	14%	1	20%	72	15%	183	11%	1	8%	1,265	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	643	10%	188	9%	16	9%	1	5%	---	---	37	8%	164	10%	---	---	1,049	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,138	18%	413	20%	32	17%	5	24%	1	20%	90	19%	291	18%	2	15%	1,972	19%
> 4yrs	1,111	18%	425	21%	30	16%	4	19%	---	---	61	13%	247	15%	---	---	1,878	18%
Total	6,240	100%	2,073	100%	185	100%	21	100%	5	100%	466	100%	1,604	100%	13	100%	10,607	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE: STATEWIDE
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	669	25%	1,715	23%	167	30%	3	33%	2,554	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	441	16%	1,333	18%	114	21%	1	11%	1,889	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	307	11%	879	12%	79	14%	---	---	1,265	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	273	10%	724	10%	51	9%	1	11%	1,049	10%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	527	20%	1,357	18%	84	15%	4	44%	1,972	19%
> 4yrs	474	18%	1,345	18%	59	11%	---	---	1,878	18%
Total	2,691	100%	7,353	100%	554	100%	9	100%	10,607	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total No. %			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine			Missing		
	No. %		No. %		No. %		No. %		No. %		No. %		No. %			No. %		
Reunify Family	1,893	59%	593	18%	66	2%	8	*	2	*	146	5%	522	16%	4	*	3,234	100%
Adoption	1,450	61%	383	16%	15	1%	3	*	---	---	177	7%	367	15%	---	---	2,395	100%
Living Independently	1,230	56%	545	25%	44	2%	4	*	---	---	57	3%	307	14%	2	*	2,189	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	619	61%	206	20%	18	2%	2	*	---	---	25	2%	148	15%	---	---	1,018	100%
Guardianship	303	64%	73	15%	8	2%	---	---	---	---	22	5%	66	14%	---	---	472	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	229	52%	94	21%	12	3%	1	*	1	*	14	3%	92	21%	1	*	444	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	263	68%	74	19%	4	1%	---	---	---	---	9	2%	36	9%	---	---	386	100%
Other ⁽³⁾	82	57%	36	25%	4	3%	3	2%	1	1%	1	1%	18	12%	---	---	145	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	171	53%	69	21%	14	4%	---	---	1	*	15	5%	48	15%	6	2%	324	100%
Total	6,240	59%	2,073	20%	185	2%	21	*	5	*	466	4%	1,604	15%	13	*	10,607	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.⁽²⁾ Adult Service Agency⁽³⁾ Other = invalid data entry

TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	797	25%	2,242	69%	194	6%	1	*	3,234	100%
Adoption	624	26%	1,601	67%	170	7%	---	---	2,395	100%
Living Independently	521	24%	1,582	72%	80	4%	6	*	2,189	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	297	29%	689	68%	32	3%	---	---	1,018	100%
Guardianship	109	23%	347	74%	16	3%	---	---	472	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	140	32%	281	63%	23	5%	---	---	444	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	79	20%	296	77%	11	3%	---	---	386	100%
Other ⁽³⁾	36	25%	106	73%	3	2%	---	---	145	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	88	27%	209	65%	25	8%	2	1%	324	100%
Total	2,691	25%	7,353	69%	554	5%	9	*	10,607	100%

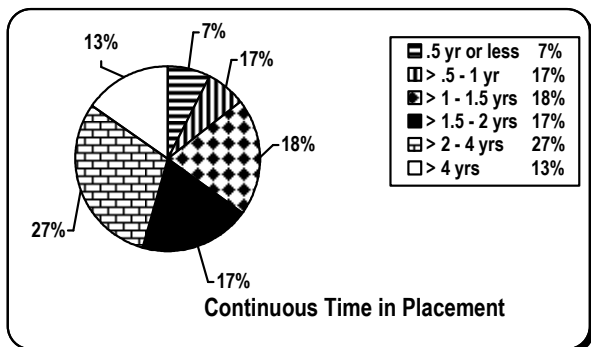
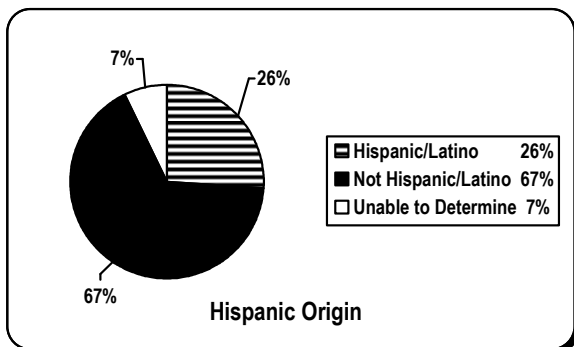
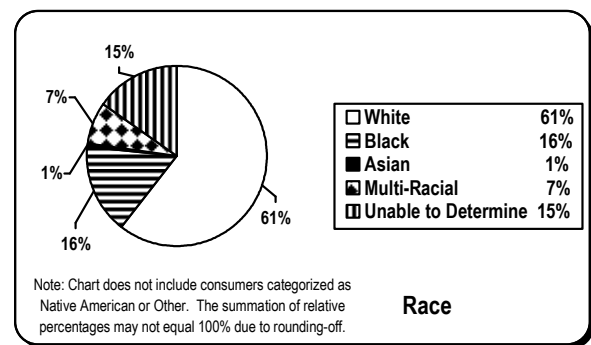
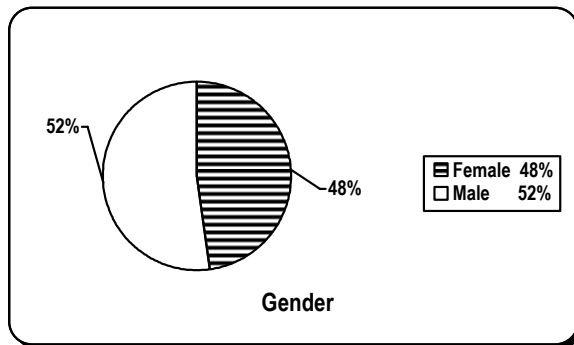
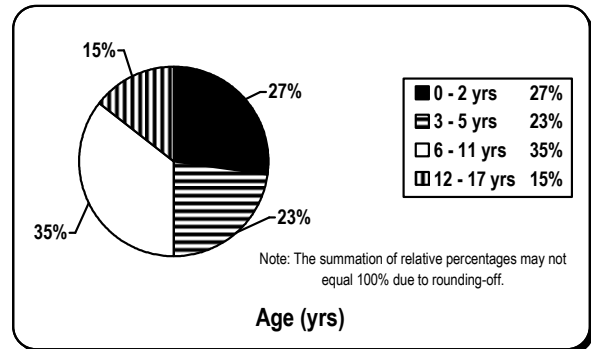
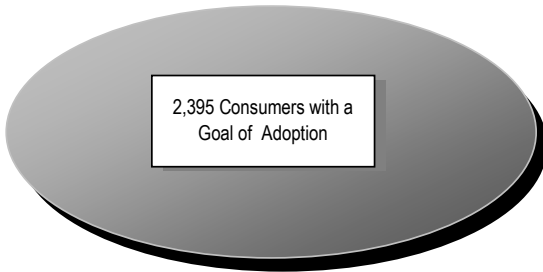
TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	607	19%	382	12%	622	19%	1,600	49%	23	1%	3,234	100%
Adoption	652	27%	546	23%	846	35%	348	15%	3	*	2,395	100%
Living Independently	---	---	---	---	---	---	990	45%	1,199	55%	2,189	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	2	*	3	*	83	8%	891	88%	39	4%	1,018	100%
Guardianship	22	5%	45	10%	153	32%	246	52%	6	1%	472	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	43	10%	23	5%	84	19%	268	60%	26	6%	444	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	4	1%	161	42%	221	57%	386	100%
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	5	3%	83	57%	57	39%	145	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	61	19%	31	10%	45	14%	133	41%	54	17%	324	100%
Total	1,387	13%	1,030	10%	1,842	17%	4,720	44%	1,628	15%	10,607	100%

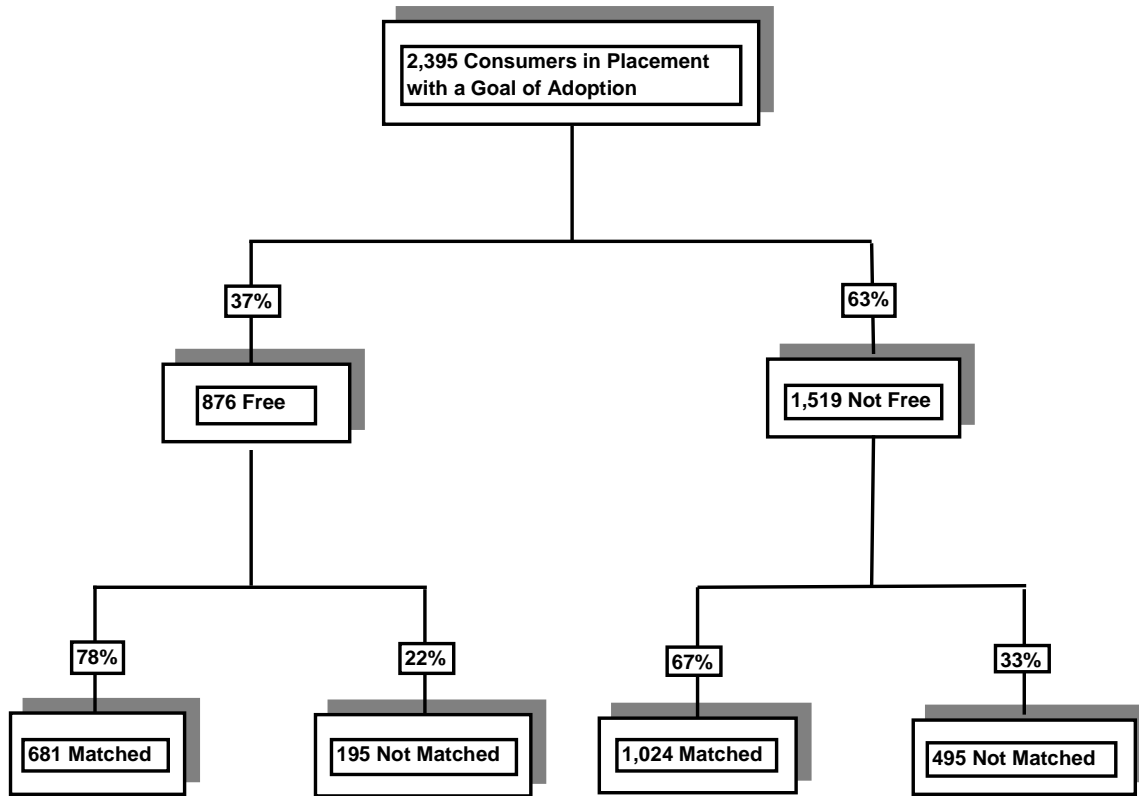
TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total	
	(.5yr or less		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Reunify Family	1,558	48%	975	30%	356	11%	161	5%	152	5%	32	1%	3,234	100%
Adoption	161	7%	413	17%	438	18%	413	17%	647	27%	323	13%	2,395	100%
Living Independently	123	6%	206	9%	214	10%	225	10%	581	27%	840	38%	2,189	100%
Long-Term Substitute Care	102	10%	87	9%	85	8%	102	10%	309	30%	333	33%	1,018	100%
Guardianship	17	4%	80	17%	94	20%	83	18%	116	25%	82	17%	472	100%
Stabilize Intact Family	296	67%	78	18%	29	7%	12	3%	19	4%	10	2%	444	100%
Long-Term Care w/ASA ⁽²⁾	36	9%	24	6%	17	4%	29	8%	91	24%	189	49%	386	100%
Other ⁽³⁾	19	13%	16	11%	15	10%	17	12%	33	23%	45	31%	145	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	242	75%	10	3%	17	5%	7	2%	24	7%	24	7%	324	100%
Total	2,554	24%	1,889	18%	1,265	12%	1,049	10%	1,972	19%	1,878	18%	10,607	100%

**Figure 12A. Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin, and Continuous Time in Placement
of Consumers with a Goal of Adoption
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



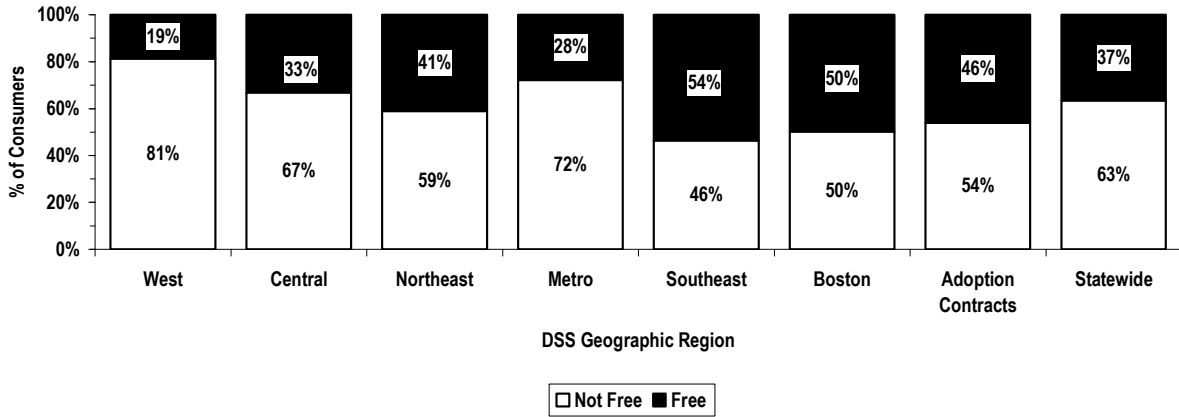
**Figure 12B. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption:
Legal Status and Match Status
FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



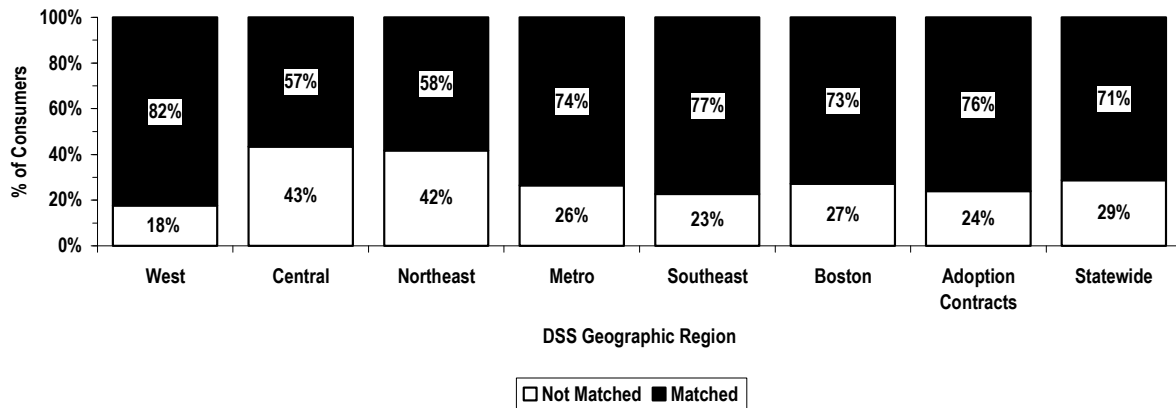
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption and Legally Freed Status
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 12D. Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption
and Whether Matched to a Permanent Family
FY'08, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with previous quarters. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 (**Fig. 14**).
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,258 case openings (unduplicated) and 17,753 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DSS. Consumers who entered the DSS system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Eighty-four percent of case intakes and 87% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 8% of case intakes and 6% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 6% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 81-88% of the total intakes for each region. The Boston Region had the largest proportion of CHINS referrals (11%). Voluntary requests were highest in the Northeast, Metro, and Central Regions (10% in each region). (**Fig. 13, Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the Southeast (61 case openings) and Boston (60). Voluntary requests were highest in the Southeast (70), Northeast (70), and Metro (69). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the Southeast (735) and West (716). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008 (See **Table 14** on page 52).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14**). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 54).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**

Case Counts ⁽¹⁾											Total No.
DSS Geographic Region	Supported		CHINS		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Unspecified		
	CA/N Reports No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	716	88%	45	6%	29	4%	8	1%	13	2%	811
Central	516	82%	38	6%	62	10%	10	2%	1	*	627
Northeast	597	82%	42	6%	70	10%	17	2%	6	1%	732
Metro	573	85%	26	4%	69	10%	9	1%	—	—	677
Southeast	735	82%	61	7%	70	8%	25	3%	2	*	893
Boston	448	81%	60	11%	36	7%	7	1%	2	*	553
Total	3,585	84%	272	6%	336	8%	76	2%	24	1%	4,293

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,258**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**

DSS Geographic Region	Consumer Counts ⁽¹⁾										Total No.
	Supported CA/N Reports No. %		CHINS Referrals No. %		Voluntary Requests for Services No. %		Other ⁽²⁾ No. %		Unspecified No. %		
West	3,203	92%	131	4%	103	3%	27	1%	16	*	3,480
Central	2,299	84%	150	5%	245	9%	33	1%	2	*	2,729
Northeast	2,607	85%	155	5%	232	8%	55	2%	6	*	3,055
Metro	2,392	88%	78	3%	223	8%	30	1%	---	---	2,723
Southeast	3,135	85%	214	6%	236	6%	75	2%	7	*	3,667
Boston	1,930	86%	185	8%	116	5%	19	1%	4	*	2,254
Total	15,566	87%	913	5%	1,155	6%	239	1%	35	*	17,908

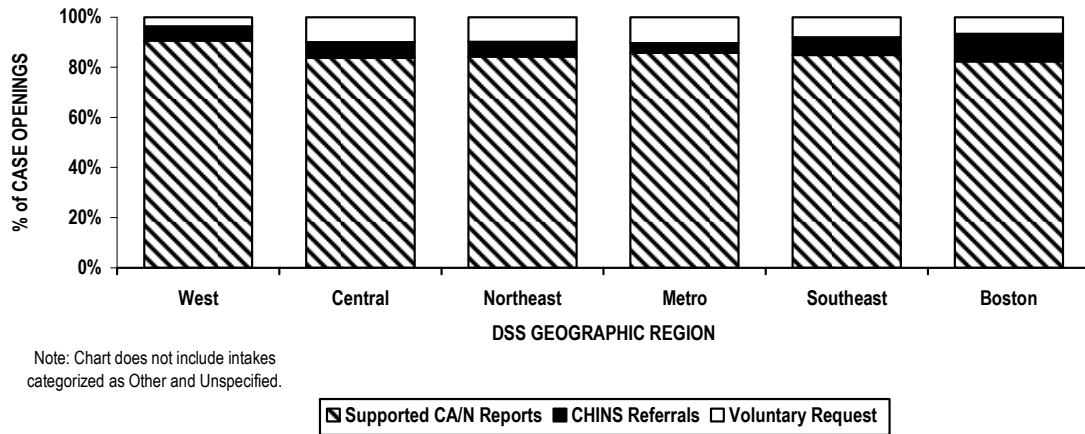
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

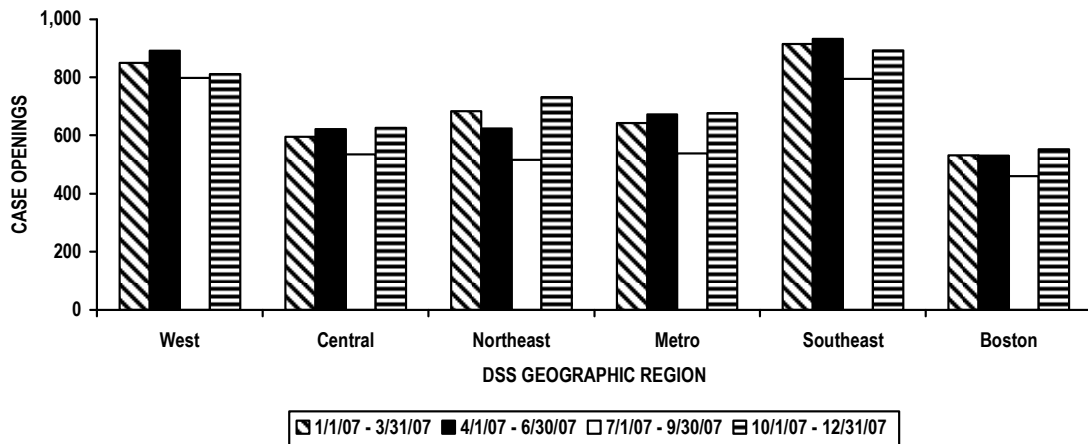
⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DSS Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **17,753**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DSS REGION
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, 1,933 consumers started at least one placement and 2,100 consumers left at least one placement.¹⁷ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11)
- From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, consumers entering placement dropped 8% while consumers leaving placement rose 1%. The drop in consumers entering placement was due to a 10% decline in entrants to foster care (150 less children than the previous quarter).

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, 64% were first-time entrants and 36% were re-entrants.¹⁸ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 61% in the Northeast to 68% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15)
- The 1,933 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 20% (West), 20% (Southeast), 19% (Northeast), 16% (Central), 15% (Metro), and 10% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 72% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 23% were placed in congregate care,¹⁹ and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²⁰ Regionally, the proportion of foster care entrants ranged from 60% in Metro to 82% in the West. (Table 10, Fig. 16)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 64% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 28% of re-entrants and 20% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

¹⁷ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

¹⁸ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

¹⁹ Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²⁰ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 57% in Boston to 71% in Central. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 14% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 7% were emancipated, and 5% were granted guardianships. Regionally, the proportion of consumers adopted ranged from 8% in the Northeast to 19% in the Southeast; emancipated consumers ranged from 5% in both Central and Metro to 10% in Boston; and consumers with guardianships ranged from 3% in Central to 8% in Metro. **(Table 11)**

TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

Entry	Placement	DSS Geographic Region							Total
Type	Location Started	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:		243	204	221	185	246	128	3	1,230
	Foster Care	205	165	160	116	196	97	3	942
	Congregate Care	32	33	52	62	41	26	---	246
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	6	6	9	7	9	5	---	42
Re-Entrants:		144	96	142	109	140	72	---	703
	Foster Care	111	67	89	61	80	41	---	449
	Congregate Care	26	20	43	39	52	20	---	200
	Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	7	9	10	9	8	11	---	54
Total		387	300	363	294	386	200	3	1,933

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

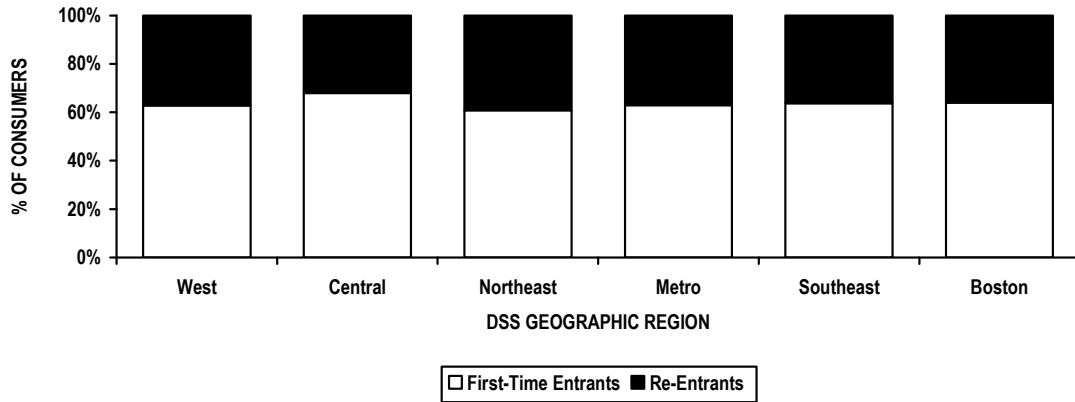
⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DSS REGION:
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

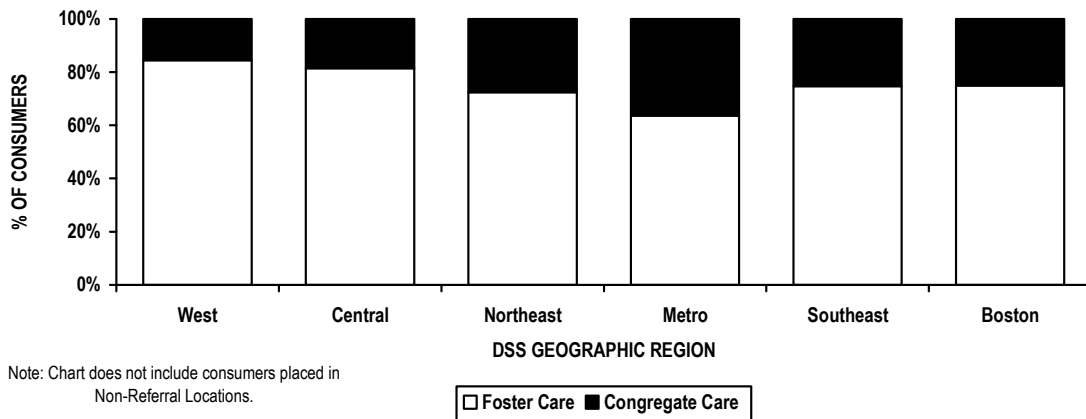
Reason Placement Ended	DSS Geographic Region						Other ⁽¹⁾	Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston		
Child Returned Home	311	174	251	210	239	145	2	1,332
Consumer Adopted	71	28	32	38	79	37	---	285
Child 18 or Older	39	12	35	17	28	25	---	156
Guardianship	21	8	15	24	31	11	---	110
Custody to Other Individual	26	8	33	11	11	19	---	108
Custody to Other Agency	3	1	4	2	2	5	---	17
Consumer Deceased	---	---	1	---	---	1	---	2
Unspecified	20	14	11	10	24	11	---	90
Total	491	245	382	312	414	254	2	2,100

⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**

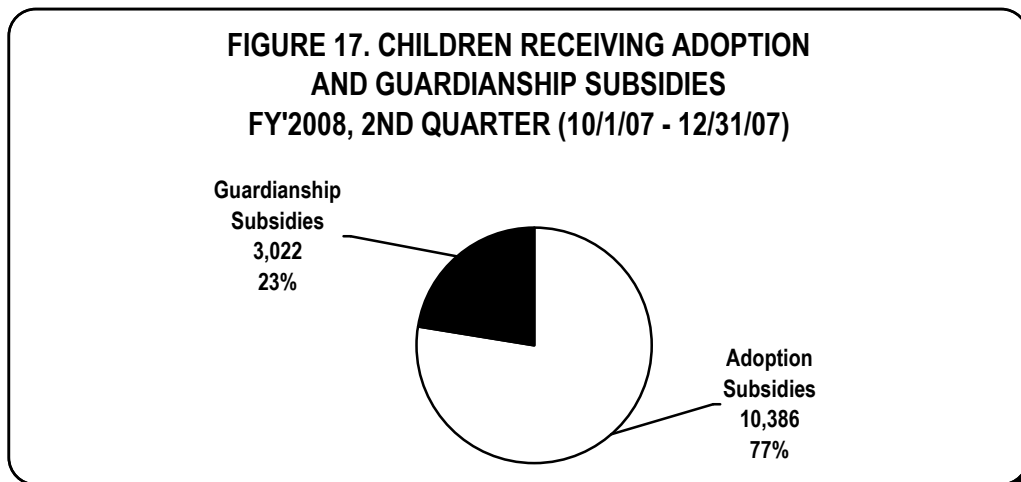


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,386. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,022. (Fig. 17)



From the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, adoption subsidies rose 1% and guardianship subsidies decreased 1%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate between -1% and 1% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 resulted from a concerted effort to close service referrals that were active but not disbursing funds.

Quarter	Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
	Adoption		Guardianship	
	No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2005 1 st	9,954	1%	3,002	*
2 nd	10,081	1%	3,081	3%
3 rd	10,002	-1%	3,050	-1%
4 th	10,146	1%	3,083	1%
FY'2006 1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007 1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008 1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²¹

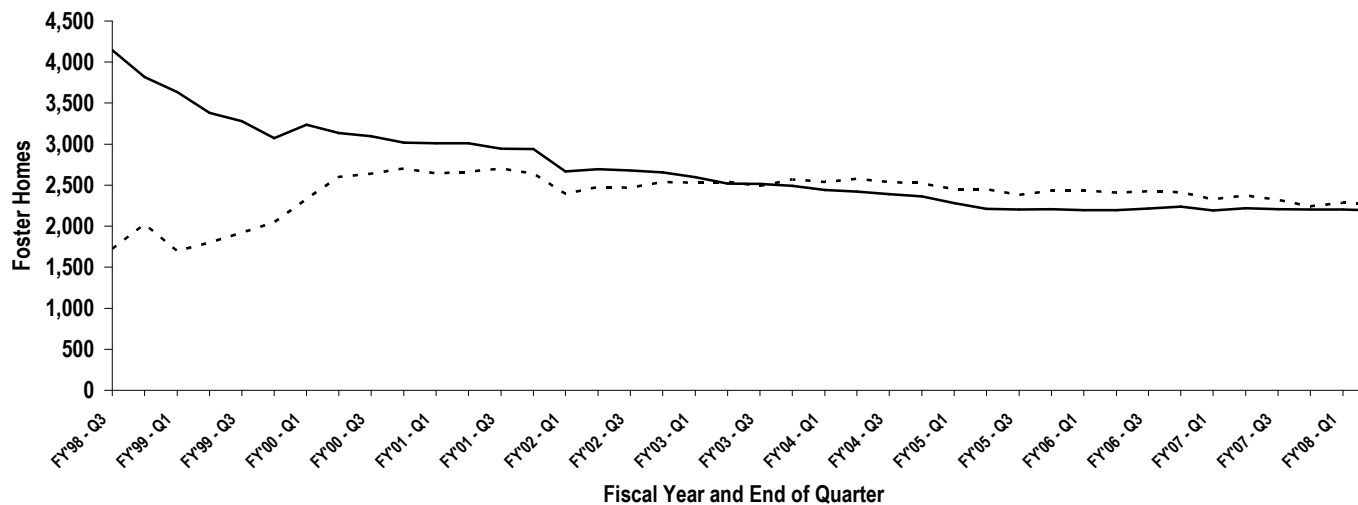
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, there were 4,459 foster homes under the direct supervision of DSS. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²² as well as unrestricted homes.²³ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,269) and unrestricted (2,190) foster homes. **(Table 12A)**
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DSS foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a maximum level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at a 52-53% level through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2007. For the past four quarters, restricted homes have accounted for 50-51% of all foster homes. **(See graph on next page)**
- Statewide, 77% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Statewide, 73% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. **(Tables 12A and 12C)**
- Thirteen percent (563) of all foster homes were identified as Black (280 restricted and 283 unrestricted). **(Table 12A)**
- Sixteen percent (699) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (333 restricted and 366 unrestricted). **(Table 12B)**

²¹ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DSS. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²² Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DSS places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

²³ Unrestricted placements are those where DSS places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES* **End of 3rd Quarter of FY'1998 (3/31/98) to End of 2nd Quarter of FY'2008 (12/31/07)**



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

— Unrestricted - - - - - Restricted

TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07) ⁽¹⁾

Provider Status	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	Total		
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%				
Restricted:	437		340		354		334		553		223		28		2,269	
White	368	84%	207	61%	266	75%	269	81%	449	81%	75	34%	19	68%	1,653	73%
Black	37	8%	14	4%	25	7%	32	10%	54	10%	111	50%	7	25%	280	12%
Asian	---	---	2	1%	19	5%	---	---	2	*	4	2%	---	---	27	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	1	*
Other ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	3	1%	---	---	---	---	4	*
Multi-Racial	3	1%	3	1%	4	1%	1	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	14	1%
Unable to Determine*	27	6%	108	32%	35	10%	25	7%	31	6%	30	13%	1	4%	257	11%
Missing	2	*	6	2%	4	1%	7	2%	11	2%	2	1%	1	4%	33	1%
Unrestricted:	505		327		273		328		478		184		95		2,190	
White	398	79%	271	83%	218	80%	283	86%	380	79%	54	29%	88	93%	1,692	77%
Black	61	12%	21	6%	12	4%	37	11%	40	8%	107	58%	5	5%	283	13%
Asian	2	*	---	---	11	4%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	---	---	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	7	1%	---	---	---	---	8	*
Multi-Racial	28	6%	2	1%	3	1%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	1	1%	36	2%
Unable to Determine*	16	3%	33	10%	27	10%	7	2%	49	10%	21	11%	1	1%	154	7%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	942		667		627		662		1,031		407		123		4,459	

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

* Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07) ⁽¹⁾

	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	437		340		354		334		553		223		28		2,269	
Hispanic/Latino	76	17%	60	18%	80	23%	25	7%	42	8%	46	21%	4	14%	333	15%
Not Hispanic/Latino	349	80%	196	58%	261	74%	295	88%	482	87%	167	75%	21	75%	1,771	78%
Unable to Determine*	9	2%	80	24%	10	3%	8	2%	17	3%	9	4%	2	7%	135	6%
Missing	3	1%	4	2%	3	1%	6	2%	12	2%	1	1%	1	5%	30	2%
Unrestricted:	505		327		273		328		478		184		95		2,190	
Hispanic/Latino	121	24%	55	17%	73	27%	16	5%	62	13%	35	19%	4	4%	366	17%
Not Hispanic/Latino	384	76%	267	82%	194	71%	304	93%	401	84%	146	79%	90	95%	1,786	82%
Unable to Determine*	---	---	5	2%	4	1%	8	2%	14	3%	3	2%	1	1%	35	2%
Missing	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Total	942		667		627		662		1,031		407		123		4,459	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

* Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DSS REGION: FY'2008, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/07) ⁽¹⁾

	DSS Geographic Region												Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston					
Status	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	437		340		354		334		553		223		28		2,269	
Married	244	56%	190	56%	184	52%	180	54%	301	54%	73	33%	16	57%	1,188	52%
Single	103	24%	84	25%	87	25%	84	25%	140	25%	107	48%	7	25%	612	27%
Divorced	57	13%	37	11%	42	12%	36	11%	62	11%	23	10%	3	11%	260	11%
Widowed	16	4%	13	4%	18	5%	16	5%	20	4%	11	5%	1	4%	95	4%
Separated	13	3%	10	3%	20	6%	7	2%	19	3%	7	3%	---	---	76	3%
Unspecified	4	1%	6	2%	3	1%	11	3%	11	2%	2	1%	1	4%	38	2%
Unrestricted:	505		327		273		328		478		184		95		2,190	
Married	307	61%	230	70%	174	64%	207	63%	309	65%	57	31%	69	73%	1,353	62%
Single	100	20%	59	18%	62	23%	74	23%	89	19%	82	45%	23	24%	489	22%
Divorced	64	13%	29	9%	27	10%	33	10%	55	12%	27	15%	3	3%	238	11%
Widowed	18	4%	3	1%	7	3%	10	3%	18	4%	6	3%	---	---	62	3%
Separated	16	3%	6	2%	2	1%	3	1%	7	1%	12	7%	---	---	46	2%
Unspecified	---	---	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	942		667		627		662		1,031		407		123		4,459	

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DSS to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 18,885 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008. Sixty-three percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. **(Table 13)**
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,730) and Southeast (2,756). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,001 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 56% in both Metro and Central to 67% in the Northeast. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 73%. **(Table 13 and Fig. 18)**
- The DSS Regions screened-in 2-3% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 26% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. **(Table 13)**
- Statewide, reports rose 7% from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008. Regional changes ranged from 5% in Boston to 18% in the Northeast. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). **(Fig. 20)**

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008 was 10,665.²⁴ Fifty-seven percent of the investigations resulted in a supported finding. **(Table 14)**
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,107 and 1,935, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 51% in the Northeast to a high of 61% in Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 74% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. **(Table 14, Fig. 19)**

²⁴ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

- The Northeastern Region had the highest screen-in rate (67%) and the lowest support rate (51%). Conversely, the Central Region had the lowest screen-in rate (56%) and the highest support rate (61%). (**Table 14, Fig. 19**)
- Statewide, investigations increased 13% from the 1st to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from 7% in Central to 25% in the Northeast. (**Fig. 21**)

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

DSS Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency		No.	%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
West	1,533	41%	2,103	56%	94	3%	3,730	20%
Central	975	43%	1,213	54%	55	2%	2,243	12%
Northeast	832	33%	1,646	65%	51	2%	2,529	13%
Metro	853	43%	1,067	54%	41	2%	1,961	10%
Southeast	1,014	37%	1,664	60%	78	3%	2,756	15%
Boston	576	35%	1,022	62%	41	3%	1,639	9%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,114	28%	1,861	47%	1,026	26%	4,001	21%
Special Investigations	7	27%	18	69%	1	4%	26	*
Total	6,904	37%	10,594	56%	1,387	7%	18,885	100%

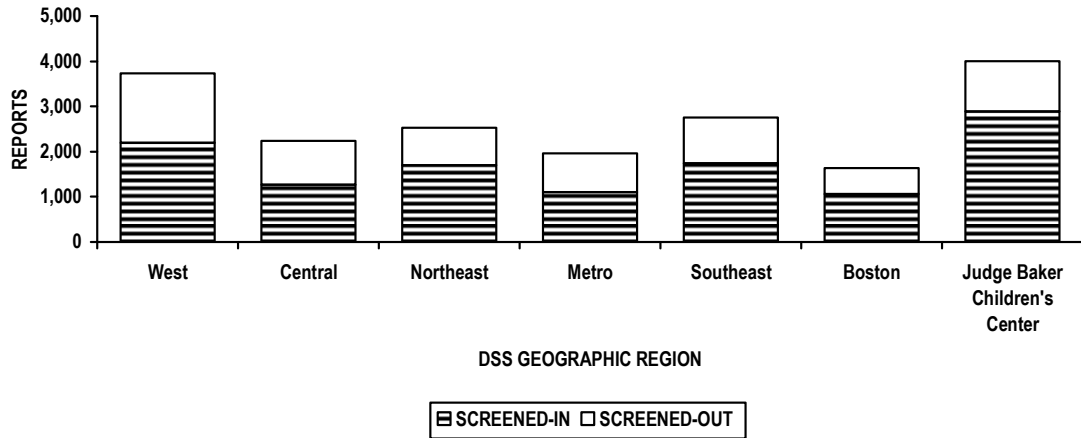
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION: FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER 10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

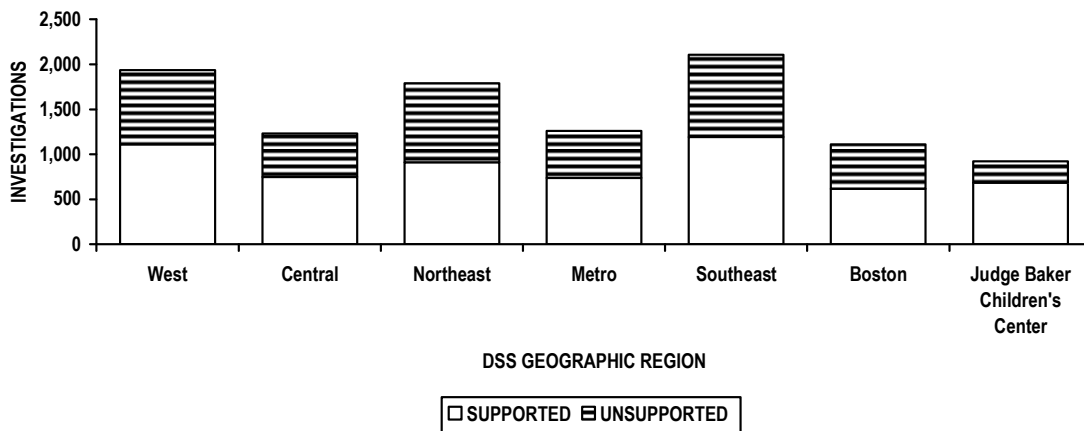
DSS Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,112	57%	823	43%	1,935	18%
Central	749	61%	480	39%	1,229	12%
Northeast	912	51%	879	49%	1,791	17%
Metro	735	58%	527	42%	1,262	12%
Southeast	1,195	57%	912	43%	2,107	20%
Boston	619	56%	489	44%	1,108	10%
Judge Baker Children's Center	684	74%	236	26%	920	9%
Special Investigations	46	15%	267	85%	313	3%
Total	6,052	57%	4,613	43%	10,665	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

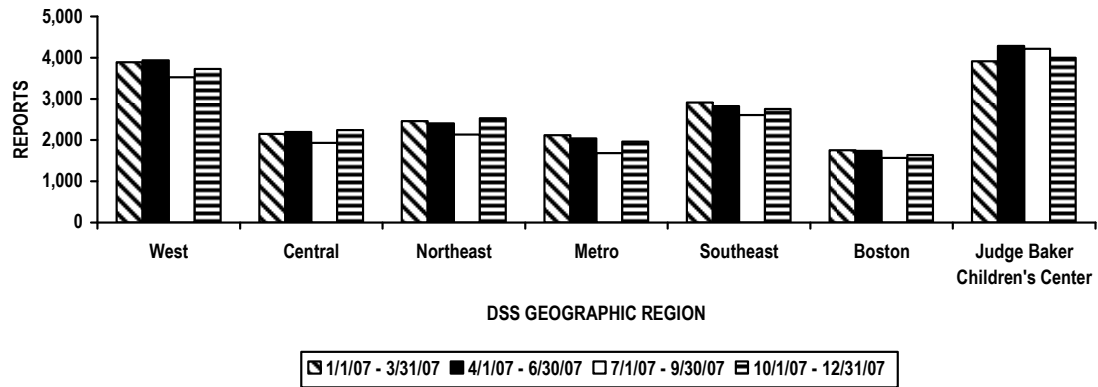
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**



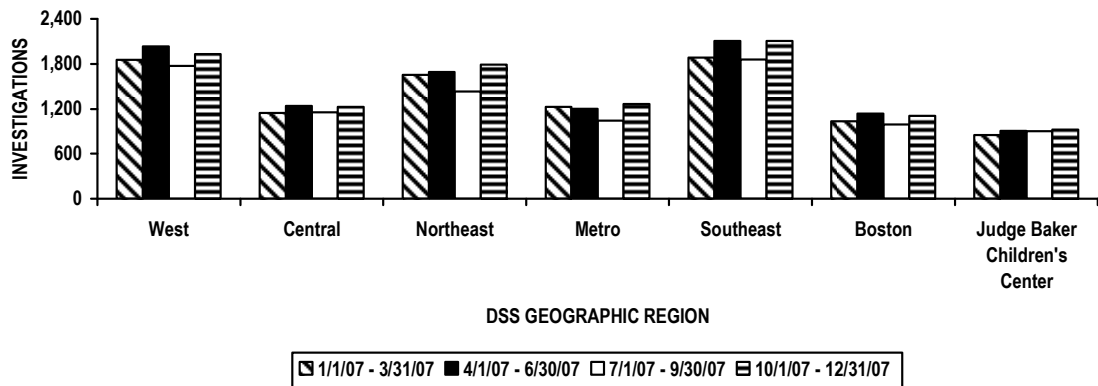
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DSS REGION)
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DSS REGION
(FY'2007, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008, 1,191 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁵ and 50% were discretionary referrals²⁶ (**Fig. 22**).

Date	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'02, Q3	443	42%	614	58%	1,057
FY'02, Q4	494	45%	616	55%	1,110
FY'03, Q1	477	46%	555	54%	1,032
FY'03, Q2	488	48%	530	52%	1,018
FY'03, Q3	525	46%	611	54%	1,136
FY'03, Q4	599	49%	614	51%	1,213
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁵ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DSS investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²⁶ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DSS may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DSS may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 77% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals²⁷ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2008 (**Fig. 23, Table 15** on following pages). Twenty-one percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Date	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		Death ²⁸		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'02, Q3	361	78%	90	20%	9	2%	460
FY'02, Q4	398	78%	111	22%	3	1%	512
FY'03, Q1	409	82%	84	17%	8	2%	501
FY'03, Q2	412	82%	88	18%	--	--	500
FY'03, Q3	412	76%	123	23%	6	1%	541
FY'03, Q4	455	73%	166	27%	5	1%	626
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

²⁷ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

²⁸ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. DSS publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.

- Table 16 (on page 59) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Worcester, Suffolk, and Middlesex. Based on a comparison of county estimates²⁹ for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 59) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Worcester, Essex, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 55% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). Essex and Suffolk accounted for 52% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

²⁹ U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

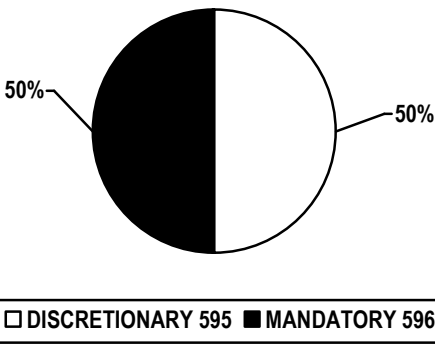
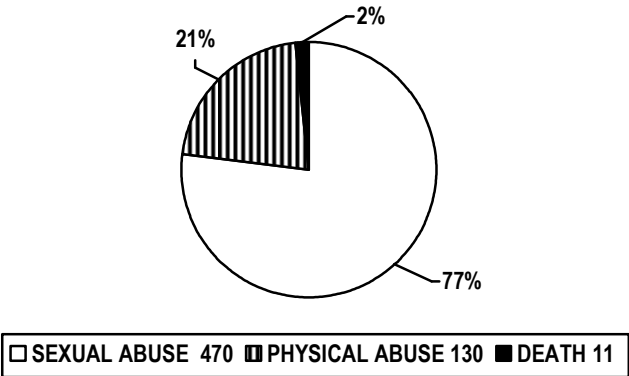


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	470	77%
Sexual Assault	441	
Sexual Exploitation	29	
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Serious Physical Abuse:	130	21%
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Death:	11	2%
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Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	611	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	128	49%	134	51%	262	176,236
Worcester	74	37%	127	63%	201	188,163
Suffolk	104	63%	62	37%	166	140,437
Middlesex	90	56%	70	44%	160	323,225
Hampden	41	44%	52	56%	93	111,071
Bristol	42	54%	36	46%	78	125,467
Berkshire	22	33%	45	67%	67	25,778
Norfolk	39	71%	16	29%	55	150,875
Plymouth	34	71%	14	29%	48	121,754
Barnstable	10	48%	11	52%	21	40,209
Franklin	---	---	16	100%	16	14,445
Hampshire	5	36%	9	64%	14	25,751
Dukes	2	67%	1	33%	3	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	4	57%	3	43%	7	---
Total	595		596		1,191	

TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2008, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/07 - 12/31/07)

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	82	3	48	3	136
Worcester	107	7	12	5	131
Middlesex	52	4	16	1	73
Suffolk	38	4	20	---	62
Hampden	41	2	8	2	53
Berkshire	38	2	7	---	47
Bristol	28	1	7	---	36
Franklin	15	2	---	---	17
Norfolk	11	2	4	---	17
Plymouth	12	1	2	---	15
Barnstable	8	---	3	---	11
Hampshire	6	1	2	---	9
Dukes	1	---	---	---	1
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	2	---	1	---	3
Total:	441	29	130	11	611

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.